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MADELEINE K. ALBRIGHT ANNOUNCES 2015 TRUMAN SCHOLARS

April 15, 2015, 5 pm; Washington, DC: Former Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright, President of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation, announced today the names of 58 exceptional college students from 50 U.S. colleges and universities who have been selected as 2015 Truman Scholars.

The 58 new Truman Scholars, mostly college juniors, were selected from among 688 candidates nominated by 297 colleges and universities. They were chosen by sixteen independent selection panels on the basis of the finalists' academic success and leadership accomplishments, as well as their likelihood of becoming public service leaders.

Selection panels met across the United States and included distinguished public service leaders, elected officials, university presidents, federal judges, and past Truman Scholarship winners. A listing of the new Scholars can be found at the Truman Foundation's website: <http://www.truman.gov>.

Each new Truman Scholar receives up to \$30,000 for graduate study. Scholars also receive priority admission and supplemental financial aid at some premier graduate institutions, leadership training, career and graduate school counseling, and special internship opportunities within the federal government. Recipients must be U.S. citizens, have outstanding leadership potential and communication skills, be academically excellent, and be committed to careers in government or the non-profit sector.

The Truman Scholarship Foundation was established by Congress in 1975 as the federal memorial to our thirty-third President. The Foundation awards scholarships for college students to attend graduate school in preparation for careers in government or elsewhere in public service. The activities of the Foundation are supported by a special trust fund in the US Treasury.

There have been 3,023 Truman Scholars selected since the first awards were made in 1977. The 2015 Truman Scholars will assemble May 19th for a leadership development program at William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri, and they will receive their awards in a special ceremony at the Truman Library in Independence, Missouri, on May 24, 2015.

In 2015:

- 3 institutions have a Truman Scholar for the first time;
- 8 institutions have multiple Truman Scholars;
- 26 Scholars attend public universities;
- 19 Scholars attend private research universities
- 11 Scholars attend private liberal arts colleges;
- 2 Scholars attend military academies

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